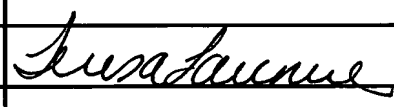
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FORM 1

THE PATENTS ACT, 1970 (39 of 1970)
APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A PATENT
[See sections 5(2), 7]

1. We, **Bharat serums & Vaccines Ltd., Road No. 27, Wagle Estate, Thane - 400 604. Maharashtra, India.**
an Indian company incorporated under the Companies Act 1956,
2. hereby declare
 - a) that we are in possession of an invention titled "A process for the manufacture of low toxicity, stable Ifosfamide parenteral solution."
 - b) that the **provisional specification** relating to this invention is filed with this application.
 - c) that there is no lawful ground of objection to the grant of a patent to us.

3. We further declare that the inventors for the said invention are
 - a) **Dr. Daftary Gautam Vinod**
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We claim the priority from the application filed in convention countries, particulars of which are as follows - **None**

5. We state that the said invention is an improvement in or modification of -
Not Applicable

6. We state that the application is divided out of our application, the particulars of which are given below and pray that this application be deemed to have been filed on _____ under section 16 of the Act. - **Not Applicable**

7. That we are the assignee or legal representative of the true and first inventor.

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8. That our address for service in India is as follows :

Srikanth Pai
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Thane - 400 604., Maharashtra, India

9. Following declaration was given by the inventors.

We, the true and first inventors for this invention declare that the applicant herein is our assignee.

- a) **DR. DAFTARY GAUTAM VINOD** Dt.
- b) **PAI SRIKANTH ANNAPPA** Dt.
- c) **RIVANKAR SANGEETA HANURMESH** Dt.

10. That to the best of our knowledge, information and belief the fact and matters stated herein are correct and that there is no lawful ground of objection to the grant of patent to us on this application.

11. Following are the attachments with the application.
- a) Provisional specification - 3 copies
 - b) Fee Rs. 5,000.
 - c) Statement and undertaking on Form 3.

We request that a patent may be granted to us for the said invention.

Dated this 21st day of August 2002.

For **BHARAT SERUMS & VACCINES LTD.**

[Signature]
DR. DAFTARY GAUTAM VINOD
Director

To
The Controller of Patents
The Patent Office
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FORM 2

THE PATENTS ACT, 1970
PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION
[See section 10]

Title

*“A process for the manufacture of
low toxicity, stable Ifosfamide
parenteral solution”*

DUPLICATE

Applicant

*BHARAT SERUMS & VACCINES LTD.,
Road No. 27, Wagle Estate,
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an Indian company incorporated under the Companies Act 1956,

The following specification describes the nature of the invention

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This invention relates to a process for preparation of a low toxicity, stable compositions for parenteral administration containing Ifosfamide. This invention is particularly related to a process for preparation of Ifosfamide compositions in which Ifosfamide is complexed with 2-hydroxypropyl- β -cyclodextrin (referred to hereinafter as "HPBCD"). This invention is more particularly related to a process of preparation of a clear aqueous composition of Ifosfamide HPBCD complex having low toxicity and that is stable over a period of time that makes it suitable for ready clinical use.

Background and prior art :

Two main groups of drugs used in the treatment of malignant disease are Alkalyting agents and the antimetabolites. Ifosfamide is one of the widely used antineoplastic drug belonging to the alkalyting agents group. It is used in the treatment of a variety of solid tumors including those of the cervix, endometrium, lung, ovary, testes and thymus as well as in sarcoma and in the treatment of Burkitts lymphoma.

Ifosfamide is given intravenously either by injection as a solution diluted to less than 4% or by infusion.

Ifosfamide is a white crystalline powder having a low melting point of 40°C. The powder is also hygroscopic. Both these characteristics of Ifosfamide make it difficult for sterile filling of the dry powder as both temperature and humidity are required to be accurately controlled. Further, as Ifosfamide powder is filled aseptically into sterile containers, maximum precautions are required to maintain sterility of the product.

Even though Ifosfamide powder is freely soluble in water, the solubility decreases on storage. Ifosfamide has been reported to undergo a reversible chemical rearrangement in aqueous solution, which is sensitive to changes in pH. The ratio of these compounds to one another in biological fluids have a bearing on the toxicity and efficacy of Ifosfamide.

US 4952575 discloses an invention in which Oxazaphosphorin is dissolved in very high concentrations up to 100% of ethanol. Even though the degradation has been shown to be minimal for Ifosfamide, use of solvents in such a high concentration leads to other

problems such as volatility, handling during manufacturing, miscibility with blood. As such alcohol is pharmacologically active which may also affect the person on administration of alcoholic solution of Ifosfamide.

WO 99/18973 discloses an invention in which Ifosfamide in saline solution. The product ~~has been shown to be stable at refrigerated temperatures. The stability data provided does~~ not show satisfactory stability at elevated temperatures.

US 4879286 discloses an invention in which Cyclophosphamide is formulated in a ready-to-dilute solution. This invention uses organic Polyol as a solvent and also 0 to 50% water. The water may be partly replaced by 10 to 30% of ethanol. The ready-to-dilute solutions have been shown to be stable under refrigerated conditions. However, the stability data at elevated temperatures are not sufficient to prove that the product is stable.

Our main objective of this invention is thus to develop a process for preparing low toxicity, stable compositions of Ifosfamide complexed with HPBCD overcoming all the disadvantages of prior arts and make the composition suitable for parenteral administration in human beings and mammals.

Accordingly, the invention relates to a process for preparation of a low toxicity, stable compositions of Ifosfamide suitable for parenteral administration comprising steps of

- i) addition of Ifosfamide as such or in an aqueous solution form to an aqueous solution of HPBCD in a molar ratio of HPBCD : Ifosfamide 1 : 0.4 to 1 : 30;
- ii) mixing the aqueous solution of HPBCD and Ifosfamide to bring intimate contact;
- iii) filtering the composition obtained through 2 μ and 0.2 μ filter successively;
- iv) filling aseptically the filtrate obtained at the end of step (iii) in sterile containers such as vials, ampoules, plastic containers followed by nitrogen purging and sealing the filled containers.

The process of present invention further comprises addition of conventional additives as required by parenteral dosage form before filtration step.

The Ifosfamide content of the composition of this process of invention is from about 1mg/ml to about 200mg/ml, preferably from about 10mg/ml to 100mg/ml, more preferably from about 40mg/ml to about 50mg/ml.

The preferred molar ratio of HPBCD to Ifosfamide is from about 1 : 0.4 to 1 : 30. The more preferred molar ratio is from about 1 : 1 to 1 : 5. More preferably from about 1 : 2 to 1 : 3.

The conventional parenteral additives, which may be used in the process of this invention, contain commonly used additives such as buffers, isotonic diluents and anticrystallising agents. These conventional parenteral additives when added in the usual recommended range do not affect the clarity and stability of the composition adversely.

Buffers are selected from a group of pharmaceutically acceptable buffer systems such as Phosphate buffer, Citrate buffer, Glycine buffer containing any of the commonly used compounds or a mixture of compounds such as Citric acid, Sodium citrate, Potassium citrate, Glycine, Phosphoric acid, Sodium phosphate, Disodium hydrogen phosphate, Sodium dihydrogen phosphate, Potassium phosphate, Dipotassium hydrogen phosphate, Potassium dihydrogen phosphate, Sodium hydroxide, Potassium hydroxide, Hydrochloric acid. Preferably the buffer used is a mixture of Sodium dihydrogen phosphate and Disodium hydrogen phosphate.

Examples :

The invention will now be illustrated by way of Examples. The Examples are by way of illustration only and in no way restrict the scope of the invention.

All the raw materials used in this Examples were of parenteral grade. Equipments used were of conventional nature. Entire processing was done in an area with a controlled environment. Nitrogen cover was provided while processing the batch.

Example I :

1.	Ifosfamide	-	10g
2.	HPBCD	-	20g
3.	Disodium hydrogen phosphate	-	0.1g
4.	Sodium dihydrogen phosphate	-	0.06g
5.	Water	-	q.s. to 200ml

Weighed quantities of Disodium hydrogen phosphate and Sodium dihydrogen phosphate were dissolved in 160ml of water. Weighed quantity of HPBCD was added and dissolved slowly under stirring in this buffer solution. Weighed quantity of Ifosfamide was gradually added under stirring to the buffered HPBCD solution and mixed for 3 hours. The volume was made up to 200ml with water. The product was filtered through 0.2 μ filter and filled aseptically in sterile glass vials. The glass vials were closed under aseptic conditions with sterile Teflon coated rubber bungs and sealed using flip off seals.

The composition obtained in this Example was analysed for Ifosfamide content by High Pressure Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) method and was found to contain 50.23mg/ml of Ifosfamide. The composition had a pH of 7.2.

Example II :

The composition obtained in Example I was subjected to acute toxicity studies in mice. Conventional formulation after reconstitution as directed by the manufacturer was used as a control. Both the drug solutions were suitably diluted with 5% Dextrose Injection and administered intravenously. Ifosfamide in the dose range of 500mg/kg, 600mg/kg and 700mg/kg body weight was administered in three different groups of animals, each group consisting of eight animals.

Animals were kept under observation for 14 days. Animals were observed for mortality at the end of 3 days and 7 days.

It was observed that the LD₅₀ dose i.e. the dose that is lethal to 50% of animals was much higher for composition of Example I in comparison with the Conventional formulation.

Composition of Example I			Conventional formulation		
<i>Dose (mg/kg)</i>	<i>Mortality (%)</i>		<i>Dose (mg/kg)</i>	<i>Mortality (%)</i>	
	3 Days	7 Days		3 Days	7 Days
500	0	0	500	12.5	25
600	0	12.5	600	50	75
700	0	12.5	700	62.5	75

This clearly shows that composition of the invention prepared in Example I is less toxic compared to the Conventional formulation.

Example III :

The composition obtained in Example I was subjected to Stability studies. Samples were incubated at 2°C - 8°C and also at 25°C. The stability data at the end of 6 months shows insignificant drop in Ifosfamide content at 25°C indicating a good stability.

Example IV :

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| 1. | Ifosfamide | - | 20g |
| 2. | HPBCD | - | 40g |
| 3. | Disodium hydrogen phosphate | - | 0.1g |
| 4. | Sodium dihydrogen phosphate | - | 0.06g |
| 5. | Water | - | q.s. to 200ml |

The composition was prepared using the same procedure as described under Example I.

Example V :

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| 1. | Ifosfamide | - | 10g |
| 2. | HPBCD | - | 80g |
| 3. | Disodium hydrogen phosphate | - | 0.1g |
| 4. | Sodium dihydrogen phosphate | - | 0.06g |
| 5. | Water | - | q.s. to 200ml |

The composition was prepared using the same procedure as described under Example I.

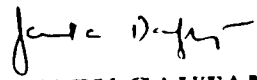
Example VI :

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| 1. | Ifosfamide | - | 10g |
| 2. | HPBCD | - | 20g |
| 3. | Water | - | q.s. to 200ml |

The composition was prepared using the same procedure as described under Example I except that HPBCD was dissolved in water in place of buffer solution.

Dated this 21st day of August 2002

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